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Minutes Of November 29, 2007

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, November 29, 2007, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:55 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator VanWoerkom – Present
Senator Cassis – Present
Senator Whitmer – Excused
Senator Gleason – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from October 11, 2007.
Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to approve the minutes from October 11, 2007, was supported by Senator Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
Senator Cassis – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Excused
Senator Gleason – Excused

- Senator Kuipers opens up testimony on House Bill 4220.
 1. Ms. Connie Burgess and Mr. Chris Siebenmark, Office of Sen. Ron Jelinek, support the bill and explained that the content of the bill is identical to Senate Bill 701, sponsored by Sen. Jelinek. A constituent brought this issue to Sen. Jelinek's attention and agreed that there should be a remedy.
 2. Mr. Jack Cardinal, Office of Rep. John Espinoza, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.

3. Dr. David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
 4. Mr. Don Olendorf, representing Small and Rural Schools, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
 5. Mr. Don Wotruba, representing Michigan Association of School Boards, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
 6. Mr. Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
 7. Mr. Robert LeFevre, representing Macomb Intermediate School District, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
 8. Mr. Brad Biladeau, representing Michigan Association of School Administrators, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
- Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to adopt the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4220, supported by Senator Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
 Senator Cassis – Yes
 Senator Whitmer – Excused
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to report the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4220 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect, supported by Senator Gleason.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
 Senator Cassis – Yes
 Senator Whitmer – Excused
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opens up testimony on Senate Bill 842.
 1. Ms. Joan Sargent, representing Tri-County Alliance, opposes the bill and submitted written testimony.
 2. Mr. Peter Spadafore, representing Michigan Elementary and Middle School, opposes the bill and submitted written testimony.
 3. Ms. Ellen Hoekstra, representing Michigan Association of School Psychologists, opposes the bill and submitted written testimony.

4. Mr. Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
 5. Mr. Robert LeFevre, representing Macomb Intermediate School District, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
 6. Mr. Brad Biladeau, representing Michigan Association of School Administrators, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
 7. Ms. Stephanie Wuttke, representing Michigan Association of School Social Workers, did not wish to speak, but opposes the bill.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Brieve, Clerk

Wayne Kuipers, Chair

Date Approved